

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 20-21 and 23-38 are pending in this application, with Claim 38 added by the present Supplemental Amendment. Support for Claim 38 is found in Applicants' originally filed specification. The cross-reference section of the specification is amended to reflect the current status of the applications referenced therein. No new matter is added.

Applicants' response of September 1, 2004 addresses the merits of the outstanding Official Action. Accordingly, in view of the present amendment and Applicants' response of September 1, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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